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SUBJECT: MRS. GANDHI PLEADS NOT GUILTY ON CHARGES OF
DEFYING THE SHAH COMMISSION

REF: NEW DELHI 5444

1. FORMER PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI APPEARED
BEFORE THE DELHI CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE ON
APRIL 18 AND PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES OF
DEFYING THE SHAH COMMISSION OF INQUIRY. THE CHARGES,
FILED BY THE COMMISSION'S COUNSEL, RELATE TO HER
REFUSAL TO TAKE AN OATH AND REFUSAL TO TESTIFY WHEN
SHE APPEARED BEFORE JUSTICE SHAH ON JANUARY 11.
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PRANAB MUKHERJEE, MINISTER OF STATE FOR BANKING
IN HER GOVERNMENT, FILED A SIMILAR NOT GUILTY PLEA.
IN THE TEN PAGE STATEMENT FILED WITH THE MAGISTRATE
BY HER LAWYER, MRS. GANDHI CHARGED THE SHAH COMMISSION
WITH BIAS AND PREJUDICE AND ALLEGED THAT THE
COMMISSION WAS A "POLITICAL VENDETTA" INTENDED TO
CAUSE HER INJURY BY SMEARING HER REPUTATION. THE

MAGISTRATE FIXED MAY 9 FOR THE NEXT HEARING IN THE CASE, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL RECORD EVIDENCE FROM THE PROSECUTION.

2. MRS. GANDHI WAS ACCOMPANIED IN COURT BY HER TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM, MRS. GANDHI'S SUPPORTERS CLASHED WITH POLICE.
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